

CLAIMS

1. Apparatus for manufacturing a three-dimensional object by a generative manufacturing method, wherein the object is manufactured layer-wise from a building material having

a support (4),

a material application device (7) for applying layers of a building material onto a support (4) or a layer, which was applied before, and

an arrangement (1) for interconnecting the applied layer with a layer, which was applied before, in a solidification region (11), characterized in that

the support (4) and the material application device (7) are moveable with respect to each other in such a way, that during the interconnection of the applied layer to a layer, which was applied before, the layer, which was applied before, and the material application device (7) are moved with respect to each other.

2. An apparatus for manufacturing a three-dimensional object by a generative manufacturing method, in which the object is manufactured layer-wise from a building material, having

a support (4),

a material application device (7) for applying layers of a building material onto a support (4) or a layer, which was applied before and

an arrangement (1) for interconnecting the applied layer with a layer, which was applied before, in a solidification region (11), characterized, in that

the support (4) and the material application device (7) are moveable with respect to each other in such a way, that the interconnection of an applied layer to a layer, which was applied before, is carried out without an interruption of the supply of material.

3. Apparatus for manufacturing a three-dimensional object by a generative manufacturing method, wherein the object is manufactured layer-wise from a building material, having

a support (4),

a material application device (7) for applying layers of a building material onto a support (4) or a layer, which was applied before, and

an arrangement (1) for interconnecting the applied layer with a layer, which was applied before, in a solidification region (11), characterized in that

the support (4) and the material application device (7) are moveable with respect to each other in such a way, that the relative movement only occurs in one direction and that during the application of material the support (4) and the material application device (7) are moved relative to one another in such a way, that the relative movement occurs only in one direction.

4. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the support (4) can be moved relative to the material application device (7) in a rotational movement with feed in direction of the axis of rotation.

5. Apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the feed is carried out continuously or in steps.

6. Apparatus according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the support (4) and the material application device are moveable in such a way, that in a complete rotation the support departs from the material application device by an amount of a thickness of one layer.

7. Device according to one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the support (4) moves and the material application device (7) and the arrangement (1) for interconnecting the layers are stationary.

8. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the support (4) is stationary and the material application device (7) and the arrangement (1) for interconnection move.

9. Apparatus according to one of claims 4 to 8, wherein the velocity and/or the feed in direction of the axis of rotation can be varied.

10. Apparatus according to one of claims 4 to 9, wherein the circumferential velocity of the rotational movement can be varied.

11. Apparatus according to one of claims 4 to 10, wherein several solidification regions (11) are provided.

12. Apparatus according to claim 11, wherein several supports (4) are provided.

13. Apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the feeds of the supports can be controlled independently.

14. Apparatus according to one of claims 11 to 13, wherein the supports make a rotational movement on a non-circular path, preferably a polygon with n corners, for the case that n supports are provided.

15. Apparatus according to one of claims 11 to 14, wherein several material application devices (7) are provided.

16. Apparatus according to one of claims 11 to 15, wherein to each solidification region (11) there is assigned an arrangement for interconnection (1) of the applied layer to a layer, which was applied before.

17. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 16, wherein the building material is in form of powder and the apparatus for interconnection (1) of the applied layer to a layer of the building material, which was applied before, is preferably a laser for sintering the powder or an arrangement for solidification of the powder by a glue.

18. Apparatus according to one of claims 1 to 17, wherein the support (4) is part of a container for accommodating the building material.

19. Method for manufacturing a three-dimensional object by a generative manufacturing method, wherein the object is manufactured layer-wise from a building material by applying layers of the building material onto a support (4) or a layer, which was applied before, by a material application device (7) and interconnecting the applied layer to a layer, which was applied before, characterized in that

the support (4) and the material application device (7) can be moved relative to each other in such a way, that while

the applied layer is interconnected with a layer, which was applied before, the layer, which was applied before and the material application device (7) are moved with respect to each other.

20. Method for manufacturing a three-dimensional object by a generative manufacturing method, wherein the object is manufactured layer-wise from a building material by applying layers of the building material onto a support (4) or a layer, which was applied before, by a material application device (7) and interconnecting the applied layer with a layer, which was applied before, characterized in that

the support (4) and the material application device (7) can be moved relative to one another in such a way, that the interconnection of an applied layer to a layer, which was applied before, is carried out without interruption of the supply of material.

21. Method for manufacturing a three-dimensional object by a generative manufacturing method, wherein the object is manufactured layer-wise from a building material by applying layers of the building material onto a support (4) or a layer, which was applied before, by a material application device (7) and interconnecting the applied layer with a layer, which was applied before, characterized in that

the support (4) and the material application device (7) can be moved relative to each other in such a way, that the relative movement occurs only in one direction and that they are moved relative to each other during the application of material.

22. Method according to one of claims 19 to 21 having the steps

- (a) applying building material layer-wise and
 - (b) interconnecting the applied building material of a layer with the building material of a layer, which was applied before,
- characterized in that
- the steps (a) and (b) are carried out concurrently, but always in different regions.

23. Method according to one of claims 19 to 22, wherein at least two objects are manufactured concurrently.

24. Method according to one of claims 19 to 23, wherein a device according to one of claims 1 to 18 is used.

25. Method according to one of claims 19 to 24, wherein the relative movement of the material application device (7) and the support (4) takes place in such a way, that a point on the support moves on a helical path.

26. Method according to claim 25, wherein a turn of the helix is circular, polygonal with n corners, oval or irregularly curved.

27. Method according to claim 25 or 26, characterized in that a section of the helical path runs linearly in the direction of the helical axis.

28. Method according to one of claims 19 to 27, wherein the layer of the building material is applied with a thickness, that varies within the building region.

29. Method according to one of claims 19 to 28, wherein the method for generatively manufacturing a three-dimensional object is a laser sintering method or a 3D print method.